

County to apply for dredging funds

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PROVO — An emergency resolution was passed by Utah County commissioners Monday to apply for \$1 million from the Disaster Relief Board for engineering and design work on the proposed Jordan River dredging project.

The commissioners added a special section stating they have no more money to contribute to the project. The resolution will include Salt Lake County when it is presented to the board.

Utah County has been working

with Salt Lake County for months to get the Jordan River dredged. Dredging would allow more water to flow from Utah Lake into the river, and flooding along both the lake and river would be lessened.

Utah and Salt Lake counties are asking the state Legislature for \$10 million to dredge the river.

The Army Corps of Engineers was scheduled to do the project, but backed out when Salt Lake County could not get the cooperation of water users in their county.

Utah County Commissioner Gary Anderson said water users are the ones who are going to benefit, and they should help pay.

"I still think the water users need to be involved," Anderson said. "It still bothers me that we had the Army Corps all ready to go on this and the entire project was stopped."

Both counties have already spent \$500,000 in preliminary work.

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that real action will
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a crisis must occur or a
ts citizen coalition must
o force changes, he said.

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ches and attend general
e of The Church of Jesus
Latter-day Saints. He
dnesday evening at West-
College.

Deseret News interview
said citizen involvement
problems before a crisis

But, he said, a crisis is
inevitable if the country
on its present course.

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rious problems. "The fundamental
cause of endless, ever-mounting
deficits, has been and is excessive
spending and the inability of Con-
gress or successive presidents to
cut the spending and balance the
budget."

The primary cause of this re-
peated failure, he said, is the politi-
cal power of special interests and
the absence of an organized public
interest political support that both
Congress and the White House need
to overcome the special interests.
"Such support does not and cannot
come from the partisan process."

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